

Agenda

75th Meeting of the National Museum Services Board

The Westin Crown Center Hotel, One Pershing Drive, Kansas City, MO, Friday, May 14, 1999

10:30–12:30 pm

I. Chairperson's Welcome and Minutes of the 74th NMSB Meeting—February 5, 1999

II. Director's Report

III. Appropriations Report

IV. Legislative/Public Affairs Report

V. Office of Research and Technology Report

VI. Office of Museum Services Program Reports

A. David Ucko's Report on the 21st Century Learners Meeting in Washington, DC on March 22–23, 1999

VII. Office of Library Services Program Reports

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Linda Bell,

Director of Policy, Planning and Budget, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Meeting

AGENCY: National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: At its twelfth regular meeting the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under Public Law 104–169, dated August 3, 1996, will conduct its normal meeting business; hear possible presentations from one or more subcommittees; continue its ongoing review of Commission research on economic and social gambling impacts; and deliberate on possible findings and recommendations for the Final Report.

DATES: Tuesday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting site will be: Hall of the States, Room 385, 444 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Written comments can be sent to the Commission at 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public both days.

CONTACT PERSONS: For further information contact Craig Stevens at (202) 523–8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public both days. However, due to limited seating, members of the media planning to attend are kindly asked to contact Craig Stevens to secure arrangements. Individual subcommittees, including the Regulation, Enforcement & Internet Subcommittee, may meet on Monday, April 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Park Hotel located at 520 North Capitol Street. For information on individual subcommittee meetings, please contact Mr. Craig Stevens, Communications and Logistics Coordinator, at 202–523–8217.

Tim Bidwill,

Special Assistant to the Chairman.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[IA 98–058]

A. Abdulshafi, Ph.D.; Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities

I

Dr. A. Abdulshafi, Ph.D. (Dr. Abdulshafi) is the Owner, President, and Radiation Safety Officer of DAS Consult, Inc. (DAS or Licensee), an NRC licensee who is the holder of Byproduct Material License No. 34–26551–01 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR part 30. The license authorizes possession and use of moisture density gauges containing byproduct material in accordance with the conditions specified therein. The license was originally issued on February 2, 1994, and is due to expire on February 28, 2004.

II

Between June 19 and 25, 1998, a special inspection of licensed activities was conducted to determine if licensed material was being used, stored, or transferred in accordance with NRC requirements. The inspection was initiated because the Licensee failed to pay its annual fee, and attempts to contact the Licensee by telephone and by mail were unsuccessful. The inspector discovered that in January, 1997, the Licensee had sold its physical assets, including six moisture density gauges containing byproduct material,

to Diversified Global Enterprises Company (DGE), an entity which was not authorized to possess or use such material either by the NRC or by an Agreement State. The gauges contained sufficient quantities of cesium-137 and americium-241 to require persons who possess these devices to hold a specific NRC license. NRC regulations at 10 CFR 30.41, provide, in part, that licensees may not transfer byproduct material except to a person authorized to receive such byproduct material under the terms of a specific or general license issued by the Commission or an Agreement State.

In March 1997, two months after the sale of DAS physical assets to DGE, by a letter to NRC Region III dated March 24, 1997, Dr. Abdulshafi requested that the DAS license be amended to reflect a change in office location. The letter forwarded payment for the amendment as well as the annual fee. The letter did not indicate that the gauges had been sold or transferred. After May 1997, DGE moved the gauges to another location and the business association between Dr. Abdulshafi and DGE ended. As a result of the NRC special inspection, Dr. Abdulshafi retrieved the gauges from DGE and properly transferred them to another company authorized to possess and receive them.

On June 29, 1998, an investigation was initiated by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) to determine whether the transfer of byproduct material to DGE was a willful violation. At the predecisional enforcement conference held with Dr. Abdulshafi and NRC staff by telephone on January 5, 1999, Dr. Abdulshafi agreed that a violation involving the improper transfer of licensed material occurred. He maintained that his actions were not deliberate, but were the result of personal problems and a misunderstanding between himself and DGE. In his OI testimony, however, Dr. Abdulshafi stated that during the negotiations preceding the January, 1997, sale of physical assets, he advised DGE that DGE must have an NRC license to possess the gauges, knowing that DGE did not possess a license. Moreover, Dr. Abdulshafi acknowledged continuing to advise Dr. El-Naggar, President of DGE, and possibly other DGE officials at various times between January and April 1997, that DGE needed to obtain an NRC license in order to possess the gauges. Based on the evidence obtained by OI and a predecisional enforcement conference with Dr. Abdulshafi on January 5, 1999, the NRC staff concludes that in January, 1997, Dr. Abdulshafi, Owner, President and Radiation Safety Officer of DAS,